

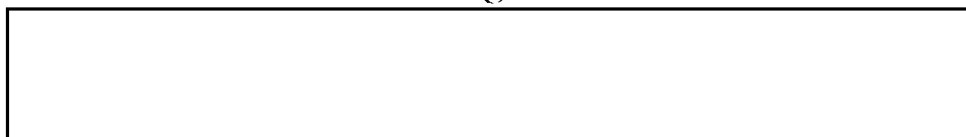
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Sino-Soviet/Sino-Mongolian Border

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SUMMARY

Hard surfacing of Choybalsan Airfield Northeast has begun, and construction continues on Choybalsan Military Area East which now appears to be subordinate to the airfield.

Significant air-related activity is observed in the Transbaykal Military District along the Chita-Zabaykalsk rail line. A regiment of tactical aircraft is sighted for the first time at Olovyannaya Airfield. Hangar and general improvement construction is also noted at Olovyannaya and at Borzya airfields, and the main runway at Khadabulak Airfield is being hard surfaced.

A new electronics facility has been tentatively identified at Teregen Bayan Sume, Mongolia, approximately 55 nm from the Sino-Mongolian border.

NOTE: This report was prepared in direct support of the Central Intelligence Agency. This report is the last one to be published in this series.

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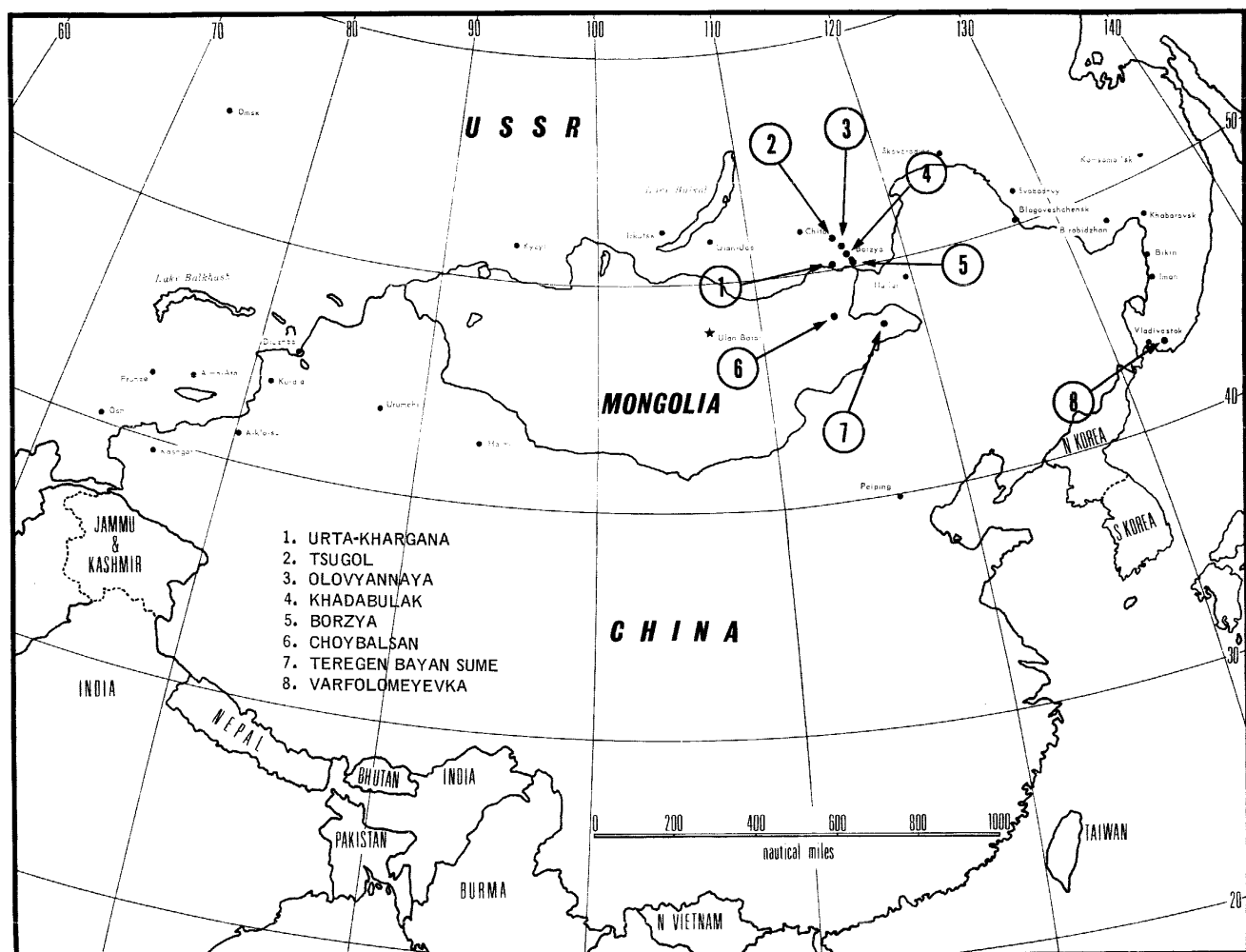


FIGURE 1. SINO-SOVIET/SINO-MONGOLIAN BORDER ACTIVITY

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INTRODUCTION

This is the last in the series of IAS mission-by-mission published reports on the Status of Military Forces Near the Sino-Soviet/Sino-Mongolian Border. IAS will continue to monitor border activity in direct support of CIA.

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This report contains information obtained from an analysis of all photography [redacted] falling within 150 nautical miles (nm) of the Sino-Soviet/Sino-Mongolian Border (additional significant items within 300 nm may also be included).

The information presented herein is primarily related to significant changes in the types and/or levels of military activity observed within the specified search area. Significant changes to non-military categories of activity are also included.

Figure 1 illustrates the geographical area of concern and locates the areas described in this report. The substantive information reported is arranged numerically by World Aeronautical Chart.

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Choybalsan Airfield Northeast, Mongolia [redacted] (48-08N 114-38E). Hard surfacing of Choybalsan Airfield Northeast, with the precast concrete blocks initially observed [redacted] has begun. It appears that Choybalsan Military Area East, located 0.5 nm SW, will be the support facility for the airfield. Construction continues on the support facility with 15 single story probable barracks and five administration/support buildings completed, and several unidentified structures under construction.

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Tsugol Military Complex, USSR (51-03N 115-38E). The [redacted] defense equipment and most of the field artillery equipment [redacted] appear present. However, the artillery associated equipment and tents previously located in the training/bivouac area are not observed, possibly indicating the movement of personnel from this area into permanent facilities.

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Olovyanaya Airfield, [REDACTED] (51-01N 115-26E). Approximately 42 small sweptwing and one medium straight wing aircraft are observed in widely dispersed revetments on the perimeter of Olovyanaya Airfield.

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[REDACTED] General improvements of existing facilities are also noted with the addition of five hangarages and the presence of precast concrete blocks for the probable hard surfacing of the taxiways.

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Borzya Airfield Northwest [REDACTED] (50-24N 116-21E). Approximately 48 small sweptwing aircraft are observed at Borzya Airfield Northwest. At least four hangarages have been constructed and materials for additional hangarages are observed.

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Khadabulak Station Airfield North [REDACTED] (50-45N 116-13E). The NW/SE runway is being hard surfaced with precast concrete blocks. An active air warning radar facility and an AAA site are also observed. At least 44 small sweptwing aircraft are noted in widely dispersed revetments.

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Possible Electronics Facility, Teregen Bayan Sume, Mongolia (46-52N 115-32E). A possible electronics facility has been identified approximately 85 nm SSE of Choybalsan and 55 nm NW of the Sino-Mongolian border. The facility consists of five support buildings and four possibly revetted positions in a rectangular pattern. Vehicles observed include at least two possible cargo trucks and four trucks/pieces of equipment.

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